SECTION 4 PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Providers are required to seek prior authorization for certain specified services **before** delivery of the services. In addition to services that are available through the traditional Medicaid Program, expanded services are available to children 20 years of age and under through the Healthy Children and Youth (HCY) Program. Some expanded services also require prior authorization.

The following general guidelines pertain to all prior authorized services.

- A Prior Authorization (PA) Request (yellow form) must be completed and mailed to Infocrossing Healthcare Services, Inc, P.O. Box 5700, Jefferson City, MO, 65102. Providers should keep a copy of the original PA request form as the form is not returned to the provider.
- The provider performing the service must submit the PA request form.
 Sufficient documentation or information must be included with the request to determine the medical necessity of the service.
- PA requests are not to be submitted for services prescribed to an ineligible patient. State Consultants review for medical necessity only and do not verify a patient's eligibility.
- Expanded HCY (EPSDT) services are limited to patients under the age of 21 and are **not** reimbursed for patients 21 and over even if prior authorized.
- Payment is **not** made for services initiated before the approval date on the PA request form or after the authorization deadline. For services to continue after the expiration date of an existing PA, a new PA request **must** be completed and mailed to Infocrossing Healthcare Services.
- An approved prior authorization does not guarantee payment.

Whether the prior authorization is approved or denied, a disposition letter will be mailed to the provider containing all of the detail information related to the prior authorization request. All other documentation submitted with the prior authorization request will not be returned. All requests for changes to an approved prior authorization should be indicated on the disposition letter and submitted to the same address as the original prior authorization request. PA requests which are denied must be resubmitted to infocrossing with additional documentation as needed. Providers do not have to obtain a new PA request form but may submit a legible copy of the original PA request.

Instructions for completing the PA request form are found in Section 8 of the Medicaid *Provider's Manual* available on the Internet at www.dss.mo.gov/dms. Instructions are also self-contained on the back of the PA request form.

Authorization approves the medical necessity of the requested service only. It does not guarantee payment, nor does it guarantee that the amount billed will be the amount reimbursed. The recipient must be Medicaid Eligible on the date of service or date the equipment or prosthesis is received by the recipient. SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION

I. GENERAL INFORMATION - To be completed by the provider requesting the prior authorization.

- 1. Leave Blank
- 2. Recipients Name Enter the recipient's name as it appears on the Medicaid ID card. Enter the recipients current address.
- 3. Date of Birth Enter the recipient's date of birth.
- 4. Address Enter the recipients address, city, state, and zip.
- Medicaid Number Enter the recipient's 8-digit Medicaid identification number as shown on the Medicaid identification card or county letter of eligibility.
- 6. Prognosis Enter the recipients prognosis.
- 7. Diagnosis Code Enter the diagnosis code(s).
- Diagnosis Description Enter the diagnosis description. If there is more than one diagnosis, enter all descriptions appropriate
 to the services being requested.
- 9. Name and address of the facility where services are to be rendered if service is to be provided other than home or office.

II. HCY SERVICE REQUEST (Plan of care may be required, see your provider manual)

- 10. Date of HCY Screen Enter the date the HCY Screen was done.
- 11. Screening -Check whether the screening performed was FULL, INTERPERIODIC, or PARTIAL.
- 12. Type of Partial HCY Screen Enter the type of partial HCY Screen that was performed. (e.g., Vision, Hearing, etc.)
- 13. Screening Provider Name Enter the provider's name who performed the screening.
- 14. Provider Number Enter the provider's number who performed the screening.
- 15. Telephone Number Enter the screening provider's telephone number including the area code.

III. SERVICE INFORMATION

- 16. Ref. No. = (Reference Number) A unique designator (1-12) identifying each separate line on the request.
- 17. Type of Service Enter the appropriate type of service code for each procedure code.
- 18. Procedure Code Enter the procedure code(s) for the services being requested.
- 19. From -- Enter the from date that services will begin if authorization is approved (mm/dd/yy format).
- 20. Through Enter the through date the services will terminate if authorization is approved (mm/dd/yy format).
- 21. Description of Service/Item Enter a specific description of the service/item being requested.
- 22. Quantity or Units Enter the quantity or units of service/item being requested.
- 23. Amount to be Charged Enter the amount to be charged for the service.
- Detailed Explanation of Medical Necessity of the service, equipment/procedure/prosthesis, etc. Attach additional page(s) as necessary.
 Do not use another Prior Authorization Form.

IV. PROVIDER REQUESTING PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

- 25. Provider Name Attach a Medicaid provider label or enter the requested provider's information exactly as it appears on the label.
- 26. Address If a Medicaid provider label is not used, enter the complete mailing address in this field.
- 27. Medicaid Provider Number If a Medicaid provider label is not used, enter the provider's Medicaid Identification number.
- Signature/Date -The provider of services should sign the request and indicate the date the form was completed.
 (Check your provider manual to determine if this field is required.)

V. PRESCRIBING/PERFORMING PRACTITIONER

This section must be completed for services which require a prescription such as Durable Medical Equipment, Physical Therapy, or for services which will be prescribed by a physician/practitioner that require Prior Authorization. Check your provider manual for additional instructions.

- 29. Name Enter the name of the prescribing/performing/practitioner.
- 30. Telephone Number Enter the prescribing/performing/practitioner telephone number including area code.
- 31. Address Enter the address, city, state, and zip code.
- 32. Date Disability Began Enter the date the disability began. For example, if a disability originated at birth, enter date of birth.
- 33. Period of Medical Need in Months Enter the estimated number of months the recipient will need the equipment/services.
- 34. Signature of prescribing/performing/practitioner-The prescribing physician/practitioner must sign and indicate the date signed in mm/dd/yy format. (Signature stamps are not acceptable)

VI. FOR STATE OFFICE USE ONLY

Approval or denial for each line will be indicated in the box to the right of Section III. Also in this box the consultant will indicate allowed amount if procedure requires manual pricing.

At the bottom, the consultant may explain denials or make notations referencing the specific procedure code and description by number (1 thru 12). The consultant will sign or initial the form.

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